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TAGS: PINT, PFOR, IS, XF

SUBJECT: WEST BANK SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

1. APPROX ONE HUNDRED "SETTLERS" WERE EVICTED BY IDF
EARLY MORNING OCT 16 FROM SITE ON MT BAAL HAZOR, TWELVE KMS
NORTHEAST OF RAMALLAH. GROUP WAS EVIDENTLY INVOLVED IN
CARRYING OUT THREAT BY GUSH EMUNIM TO CONTINUE SETTLEMENT
EFFORT ON WEST BANK. MEANWHILE, PM RABIN HAS REPORTEDLY
REJECTED REQUESTS TO MEET WITH SETTLER REPS
UNTIL ALL ILLEGAL ACTIVITY STOPS.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT AS RESULT OF DECISION TAKEN JOINTLY

BY RABIN AND POLICE MINISTEHILLET, POLICE HAVE ARRESTED
TWO OF PRIMARY ORGANIZERS OF UNAUTHORIZED SETTLEMENT
AND HANAN PORAT (LEADER OF ETZION BLOC). THEY MAY BE
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CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT AN ILLEGAL ACT, BUT OI

HAS RECEIVED APPEALS FOR THEIR RELEASE FROM SUCH AS
ASHKENAZI CHIEF RABBIN GOREN AND NRP DELEGATES NEGOTIATING
TO JOIN GOVT.

3. UNDERSCORING GOI SUPPORT FOR OFFICIALY AUTHORIZED
SETTLEMENTS, HOUSING MINISTER OFER OCT 15 PARTICIPATED
IN DEDICATION OF PERMANENT DWELLINGS IN MOSHAV MECHORA, TEN
KMS EAST OF NABLUS. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS
OFER CALLED ON GUSH EMUNIM
SUPPORTERS TO SETTLE IN SITES APPROVED BY GOVT, AND
SPECIFIED JORDAN RIFT, GOLAN HEIGHTS, AND RAFAH APPROACHES.

4. ALSO IN ORDER ACCENTUATE POSITIVE, MINISTRY OF HOUSING
ANNOUNCED THAT SINCE 1967 GOI HAS BUILT HOMES IN 14
SETTLEMENTS IN JORDAN RIFT AT REPORT COST OF IL 120 MILLION.
PUBLISHED LIST IS AS FOLLOWS (SPELLINGS FROM JERUSALEM POST):
MOSHAVIM (8) - MEHOLA, BIKOT, ARGAMAN, MECHORA,
MAALE EPHRAIM, PHASAEL , PHASAEL II, AOD HAMARA;
NAHALS (5) - NAARAN, MASSUA, GILGAL, GITTIT, AND MITZPE
SHALEM; KIBBUTZ (1) - KALIYA.

5. COMMENT: ARREST OF LEVINGER AND PORAT ADDS
FURTHER CONTROVERSY TO ALREADY CONTROVERSIAL SITUATION. IT
IS ALSO ANOTHER INDICATION OF RABIN'S DETERMINATION TO STAND
FIRM AGAINST ILLEGAL SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY.
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